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Victoria and vicinity—Fresh southeast to south winds; cloudy and mild with showers.
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The Colonist Wishes All A Happy Christmas

NEARLY READY FOR FINAL, FULL-SCALE ATTACK ON BARDIA

Shells and Bombs Poured Into Heavily-Fortified Post for Eight Days—Italian Forces Facing Water Shortage—Fascists Send Air Force In Attempt to Save Base

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 24 (AP).—British forces besieging the key Italian base of Bardia indicated today they were almost ready for a final, full-scale attack on that heavily-fortified post which for eight days had endured a rain of British shells and bombs and the increasing threat of empty water tanks.

While reinforcements were brought up around Bardia and the artillery continued pounding its defences, the two Italian divisions locked in Bardia's lines were reported facing a critical water shortage.

British reports said the Italian Air Force, which has not figured much thus far in the fighting, has suddenly flown to the aid of the Bardia base in a desperate attempt to save it.

"The concentration of our troops and artillery preparation in the Bardia area are proceeding," the British command announced tersely. "On other fronts in Africa it reported 'no change in the situation.'"

R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE
The Middle East Command of the Royal Air Force issued this communiqué:

"During an offensive patrol over the Bardia-Tobruk area yesterday, fighter aircraft of the R.A.F., on three occasions, intercepted enemy aircraft. One 579 (Italian) was set on fire and went down in flames and two others were shot down.

"One CR42 (Italian) was also sent down in flames. All four aircraft were definitely destroyed.

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SURRENDER OF 500 DESCRIBED

British Tank Officer Tells How Italian Soldiers Were Captured

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES IN LIBYA, Dec. 24 (AP).—Remember that tank officer who said he was surrounded by 500 surrendered Italian Blackshirts in the desert near Sidi Barrani and sent out a wireless appeal several days ago for somebody to take them off his hands?

Here's the rest of the story as told by the officer himself:

"We were isolated from the rest of the Hussar Regiment that used to do its riding on horseback when we ran into these 500 Italians. After a few rounds of machine-gun fire from us they threw down their guns and raised their hands.

"I wanted to go on to something else but there I was in a bit of a dilemma. So I sent that message for somebody to come and round them up.

"I didn't get out of my horse's right away because of the casualties we've had, most of them have been caused by men doing just that—only to be picked off by snipers.

"But after looking these men over I took that chance and popped out and stood on top of the tank with my revolver. They didn't show much sign of resistance and we just stood looking at each other until our infantry came along.

"Then I shuffled off to some unfinished business."

All-Time Record Made in Mailing

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (CP).—Vancouver did its Christmas mailing early this year, and in doing so set an all-time record for quality of letters and cards sent through the city postoffice and substations.

Postal officials announced here today that more than a million letters and cards were sent by Vancouver residents last Saturday, breaking last year's record by several thousands. The heaviest dispatch of mail on record from the city was made December 19, they added, when 8,400 bags were sent out.

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King to Deliver Christmas Message



His Majesty the King will broadcast a Christmas message to the Empire at 5 o'clock this morning, Victoria time, when a programme entitled "Christmas Under Fire" will be given by the British Broadcasting Corporation. His Majesty's message will be rebroadcast at 5 p.m. over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's network.

Canadian Forces In Britain Merged Into Army Corps

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Announces Formation of New Organization—2nd Division to Replace One From British Forces—Arrangements Made by Hon. J. L. Ralston

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (CP).—Formation of a Canadian Army Corps, complete with two divisions, corps troops and sufficient reinforcing troops, was announced by Prime Minister Mackenzie King tonight. The corps, as anticipated, will consist of the First and Second Divisions and the ancillary and corps troops now serving in the United Kingdom, and will be under the command of Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton.

The First Division, commanded by General McNaughton, reached England a year ago. Thereafter ancillary and corps troops were sent overseas with a view to the eventual formation of a Canadian corps. The units of the Second Division under General Odlum started arriving in England in midsummer, and when

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MESSAGE SENT BY ADMIRALTY

Warmest Good Wishes Expressed for All Personnel and Families

LONDON, Dec. 25 (CP).—The Admiralty paid tribute today to the courage and tenacity of the fleet in a special Christmas message conveying "warmest good wishes" to all officers, men and their families.

The message said the demands of the present struggle "will leave few opportunities for officers and men of the fleet to spend Christmas with their families."

It recalled that the navy during the year had "been in contact with the enemy on many occasions and invariably shown the fighting spirit and tenacity of purpose of the highest order," while escort patrols and minesweeping units "carried out their arduous duties so essential to the defence of our trade and the life of the country in a courageous and tireless manner in all weather."

To inquiries about the armistice report, officials of the German Embassy here said the embassy is making no announcement on the subject and they declined to be quoted as confirming the report in their individual capacities, although they did not deny it.

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The Colonist Will Observe Holiday; No Paper Thursday

THE staff of The Daily Colonist will observe the Christmas holiday, and there will be no edition on Thursday morning. The next regular edition will appear on Friday morning, containing a summary of world and local happenings over the holiday.

AGELESS DRAMA IS RE-ENACTED

Bethlehem Shrouded in First Blackout While Ancient Ceremony Held

BETHLEHEM, Dec. 25 (Wednesday) (AP).—This little Judean city was shrouded in its first blackout in history while the ageless drama of Christ's birth was re-enacted early today at the Church of the Nativity in bomb-proofed gloom instead of the traditional blaze of Christmas light.

Even the belfries in shepherds' fields about the city were put out early—lest they guide Italian air raiders here.

Thus the line of pilgrims moved slowly and carefully into the town by starlight for the observance, just as the three Wise Men came centuries ago by the light of the Star of Bethlehem to worship the Christ child.

All other holy places in this shrine of Christendom also were blacked out and filled with the gloom of wartime.

But no feeling of futility was apparent among the hundreds of pilgrims at the Church of the Nativity. Instead, peace was their message, peace on earth and good will toward all men.

SOLDIER INJURED BY ESCAPED DEER

Deer Charges Pte. Murray Thompson at Cultus Lake and Gashes Man's Thigh

CHILLIWACK, Dec. 24 (CP).—Pte. Murray Thompson, 16th Canadian Scottish, was in hospital today with injuries suffered when a deer escaped from a pen at nearby Cultus Lake and attacked him.

The deer pen was broken by last Saturday's storm and all the deer it held escaped. Murray was walking along Lupton Trail last night when a buck ran at him and gashed his thigh with its horns.

Thompson wrestled with the animal and finally escaped by climbing a tree. His cries brought Bob Lennox, of Cultus Lake Hatchery, to the rescue.

LADY DILL DIES

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—Lady Dill, wife of Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, died today. Lady Dill had been ill for some time.

RHINELAND AND LIBYAN TARGETS HEAVILY HIT BY BRITISH BOMBS

From Europe Day by Day—THE TIMES, London

News and Comment on International Events selected from The Times daily and published in The Daily Colonist by special arrangement with The Vancouver Daily Province.

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LONDON, Dec. 24 (By Cable).—British guns are shelling the Italians inside Bardia. The number of prisoners already removed from Sidi Barrani is now 35,900, with more thousands to come.

The Royal Air Force is driving enemy airplanes to bases farther and farther from the front and have bombed Benina and Berka, causing fires and explosions among the hangars. A raid on Tobruk damaged the harbor. In Benghazi explosions and fires have also been caused near warships.

The Times' Cairo correspondent reports that a British colonel, taking his automobile out alone into the street, found a gap in the Italian fortified lines in the Sidi Barrani neighborhood. This gave the headquarters staff an idea of an offensive directed against the army and thus Mussolini's army was swept out of Egypt. So carefully was the secret kept that the men who launched the attack on December 8 thought they were about to engage in manoeuvres until the last moment.

The Greeks' capture of Chimara brings them closer to the Italian base of Valona, now well battered by the Royal Air Force. Church bells are again ringing in Athens and the whole country is beflagged. Chimara is mainly populated by the Greeks.

The Italian position at Tepelini is precarious and the town has now lost its military value because of Greek advances elsewhere.

An outbreak of wrath in Germany has greeted Eden's return to the Foreign Office. The Nazis dwell on his hatred of authoritarian states and war in Russia, Japan and Spain against his activities.

Bulgaria's refusal to submit to Hitler has been emphasized by her war minister, who says any protectorate of her country would speedily become its master and the Bulgarians would be slaves. His speech was directed mainly against the Communists, who advocate a military alliance with Russia and acceptance of Russia's guarantee of Bulgaria's independence.

The Prime Minister has already declared that Bulgaria wants no Nazi government. King Boris has made it clear that his country will initiate no aggression in the Balkans.

General de Gaulle has appealed to Frenchmen in occupied and unoccupied France to observe one hour's silence in their homes on New Year's Day as evidence of the grief of France's downfall and hope for her deliverance.

Dealing editorially with Churchill's broadcast to Italy, The Times says, though Britain has no animosity against the Italian people, she makes no peace with Mussolini. The Ethiopian aggression was the work of one man and not of the Italian nation. Mussolini refused the peace Churchill offered him and stabbed France foully in the back. Now he is handing the Italians over to "barbarians beyond the Alps, against association with whom a thousand years of Italian history rise in protest."

Seaplane Hangars and Power Stations at Castel Benito and Tripoli Attacked—Warehouses Set Afire—Ludwigshafen Heavily Bombed in Assault on German Industrial Centres

Boulogne, Dunkerque and Ostend Feel R.A.F. Sting

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—British bombers scored hits on an airfield and on the harbor jetty, seaplane hangars and power stations at Castel Benito and Tripoli, in Western Libya, during an air attack Monday night, the Air Ministry news service announced tonight.

This heavy thrust at Italian power in Africa was delivered simultaneously with air attacks on the invasion ports of Boulogne, Dunkerque and Ostend.

TARGETS IN RHINELAND
The Air Ministry said the British hit at industrial targets in the Rhineland, including the industrial town of Ludwigshafen, across the river from Mannheim and the target of a raid on Sunday night.

The raid on Tripoli last night was the second since last Friday night. The Admiralty earlier said naval aircraft attacked Tripoli Harbor on the night of December 20-21 and repeatedly hit the quay.

"Warehouses were set on fire and one was seen to explode," the Admiralty said.

SEAPLANE HANGARS HIT
On the jetty, hits were registered on custom houses and seaplane hangars. The power station was straddled.

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NO RAIDING ON CHRISTMAS EVE

No Sign of Bombers Over England—Lancashire Hard Hit Tuesday Night

LONDON, Dec. 24 (CP).—Bomb-wise Britons participated in subdued Christmas Eve celebrations in the Lancashire area of England's industrial northwest where rescue workers still probed the ruins for victims of a massive German air attack last night. Heavy casualties, including many killed, and widespread damage were inflicted in this hours-long attack.

The Germans said the city attacked was Manchester.

MANY BUILDINGS DESTROYED
A "considerable number" of heavy-calibre high-explosive bombs and incendiaries were showered on this town, and three hospitals, two air-raid shelters, numerous houses, shops and a church either were damaged or destroyed.

Thirteen persons were believed killed by a bomb which hit the administration building of one hospital, at least seven were killed in a demolished tavern and a group of firemen was killed while fighting a fire started by the raiders. Many persons were left homeless and were being fed at communal kitchens.

EAST IS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE
New England States and Canadian Provinces Feel Shock—Damage Is Negligible

BOSTON, Dec. 24 (AP).—For the second time in five days earth tremors shook the densely populated Northeast from Pennsylvania to well into Canada.

In much the same manner as last Friday, this second quake was felt in populous New York and Pennsylvania, through New England and northward into Quebec. Buildings were jarred in Montreal and tremors were felt at Fredericton and Saint John, N.B.

More persons were shaken by the tremors than were last Friday, for today's came during the waking hours—at about 8:45 a.m. Again there were panicky thousands, but there were no casualties and damage for the most part was negligible.

Perhaps the most costly damage was in Chicopee, Mass., where a twenty-inch water main was ruptured, and at the Peabody Museum in Salem, Mass., where a rare tile garzoyle toppled from a shelf and broke.

Governor Sends His Christmas Greetings To Canadian Forces

The Earl of Athlone Sees Abundant Justification For Trust Imposed on Men in Navy, Army and Air Services of Dominion

OTTAWA, Dec. 24 (AP).—Messages of greeting to the Canadian forces on sea, land and air, at home and overseas, from the Governor-General, the Ministers of National Defence and National Defence headquarters were dispatched today.

Naval Service Headquarters received a message from the Earl of Athlone and forwarded it to the commanding officers on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts and to units afloat in Canadian and British waters. It read:

MESSAGE TO THE NAVY
"Will you please convey my warmest greetings for Christmas and the New Year to all officers and men of the Royal Canadian Navy. I have been privileged to meet many of them and to visit their ships and I am glad to think that they have shown in no uncertain fashion those magnificent qualities and seamanship of which Canada and the rest of the Empire is justly proud."

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Hardy Greek Troops Score New Triumphs Against the Italians

Bayonet Attacks in Heavy Snows Lead to Capture Of More Prisoners and Large Quantities of Materials and Guns

ATHENS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Greek troops, carrying out bayonet attacks on the Italian army despite heavy snows, have captured prisoners, taken "large quantities of material" and won new "appreciable victories," it was announced tonight.

The Greek High Command said eight guns were seized by its troops along with the Italian prisoners and war materials in local engagements.

Find Jobs After Engineers' Course

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (CP).—The mechanical engineering course at the University of British Columbia here pays dividends, according to figures released by Dean J. N. Finlayson, head of the department.

Dean Finlayson announced Monday that every member of the 1940 graduating class has obtained employment in the engineering profession.

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LIFE AND POWER

The question once was asked if people are strangely inconsistent at Christmas time, or if they are strangely consistent? What inspired it was that this period of the year seems to bring about some change in human nature, because, centred around one golden day, so many become true to humanity's deathless dream, that dream that has endured in the heart for some nineteen centuries and which men and women now know to be immortal. There is inconsistency to the extent that the spirit of Christmas may be forgotten for all the year save on this day, and there is consistency in whole masses of people honoring themselves in doing honor to One who has so richly benefitted mankind. In this expression of human nature there is the evidence of the innate desire to commemorate what is the pattern of a true man's life. That Christmas should be celebrated as it is is the admission that no higher ideal of manhood can be found than to follow the example in life on earth of the Child Who was born in Bethlehem.

Dean Inge says that emotionally we are very old and intellectually we are very young. Were it possible for mankind to absorb all the human knowledge there is, the likelihood would remain that still the destiny of the human race would be governed by emotional impulses, by what comes from the well-springs of the heart rather than from what comes from the cells of the brain. Traditions have grappled themselves to the human consciousness with hooks of steel; they may not be unloosed from the part they play as guides to both individuals and nations. The greatest tradition of all in the history of humanity is that for which Christmas stands. In the days of ancient Rome those in the seats of authority believed that religions might well come and go but that the Empire that was Rome would last with time itself. The Empire fell and Christianity survived. During the heyday of the Roman power the Child of Bethlehem was born. That Birth was the proclamation to all succeeding ages that there can be no final triumph for the powers of evil. Now, as in the days of the Caesars, human authority which exalts materialism believes it can destroy Christianity, as witness the course of action in Russia and Germany. Rome imagined that the final blow had been struck against this faith by the Cross of Calvary. What Rome could not foresee was the Resurrection, nor could that Empire envisage the Christmas Gifts of God which are indestructible.

Back in the heart of Christian civilization resides the belief, inspired by the first Christmas Day, that there are the possibilities of growth and development no matter how small may be the beginnings. How few there were apart from the Magi, who believed that the Babe in the lowly manger marked a new beginning in the history of the world. Even the Magi themselves only discerned in part what He was, and saw but dimly what He was capable of becoming. The Child Christ, however, was the symbol of a value that is perpetual, one that can be applied in the individual effort towards betterment. The tradition of Christmas proclaims and makes possible such achievement, points to how it may be reached, by making the story actual in each heart which then can have its own Bethlehem in which the Christ can be born. The very truth that is implied by all who commemorate this golden day of the year carries with it that faith which will overcome even the tragic conditions of the time. The message of good cheer to human hearts remains unchanged whatever the vicissitudes of the age, however dark are the skies. Its moral is how human nature may be changed to bring about the establishment of God's law in national and international life, and then there can be a rebirth of good will among mankind.

Christmas is the Divine proclamation to humanity of Life and Power—of Power that can overcome evil. Of Life that can be translated into immortality. It is the day on which "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us." In assuming manhood at the bidding of His Father, the Son of God revealed the spiritual possibilities of human nature. He revealed, too, the capabilities that nature has for closer communication between man and the Godhead. He moved among His fellowmen and taught them the creative forces of Life and Power. It is not merely human associations with the festival that are recalled today, but, as well, the revelation of the coming into life on earth of the creative Person of the Saviour of mankind, out of Whom, then and thereafter, there flowed and will continue to flow, both for the individual and for society, a stream of regenerating life. "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." There is the reason for the Birth in Bethlehem of One whose voice goes on through the centuries and will go on speaking to the common heart of humanity.

It is because of what it signifies that Christmas has colored the lives of so many generations. It bespeaks happiness, whatever are the conditions of the time. It is a tonic of marvelous efficacy in human hearts. There is magic and therefore mystery in the effect it has in making for union in outlook on the significance of what the day means. Life itself seems rekindled by the festival; the power of fellowship is revived. All this is a matter of constant wonderment, and yet it need not be, for what is being celebrated is the Act of God which struck down into human history, when the eternal word made itself manifest in the world of time. It is impossible to prove otherwise than that the purpose of the Incarnation was that man might receive new supplies of Life and Power; that it was given to him to be set free from the bondage of sin and circumstance, that human personality could be transformed and be led, in co-operation with the Divine, into fellowship with God, and therefore into fellowship with another. The essential worth and dignity of

human nature are attested to by the Incarnation, most of all in the knowledge that the moral and spiritual constitution and the ideals and aspirations that govern a true purpose in life have an origin beyond man himself, and beyond time as well. All Christ's teaching had as its basic truth the universal Fatherhood of God. Those who read the story of Bethlehem might not fail to understand that it means, too, the universal brotherhood of man which can be brought about by the faith that sees in the Saviour the ideal of human living.

As well as Life and Power there came into this world of time on the first Christmas Day the message of Divine Love, and with it the torch lighted at the Christmas flame of devotion and hope and good will. It is significant that what is celebrated today is known as the festival of light, the Birthday of One who was to be the Light of the World. "I, Jesus, am the bright, the morning star." That is the light that enables man to see things as a whole and in their right proportions. It can illumine the heart and correct and enlarge it, while informing the understanding that in all human experience God is working in love and with royal purpose; that the words that were the burden of the angel's song, "Peace and good will," remain linked for all time. What there is to be remembered above all else in the coming of the Child of Bethlehem is that the event transformed the meaning of life and death, making both radiant with hope. The summons of the ancient hymn, "Venite, adoremus," is to the celebration of the Birthday of Eternal Life.

CHRISTMAS CAROL

O lovely voices of the sky,
That hymned the Saviour's birth!
Are ye not singing still on high,
Ye that sang "Peace on earth?"
To us yet speak the strains
Wherein, in days gone by,
Ye blessed the Syrian swains,
O voices of the sky!

O clear and shining light, whose beams
That hour Heaven's glory shed
Around the pains and o'er the streams,
And on the shepherd's head;
Be near, through life and death,
And in that holiest night
Of Hope, and Joy, and Faith,
O clear and shining light.

O star! which led to Him whose love
Brought down man's ransom free;
Where art Thou? 'Midst the hosts above,
May we still gaze on Thee?
In Heaven Thou art not set,
Thy rays earth might not dim—
See them to guide us yet.
O star, which led to Him—
—Felicia Hemans.

THE ROYAL CHILD

What sudden blaze of song
Spreads o'er the expanse of Heaven?
In waves of light it thrills along,
Th' angelic signal given—
"Glory to God!" from yonder central fire
Flows out the echoing lay beyond the starry choir.

Wrapp'd in His shining bands,
And in His name He said,
The Hope and Glory of all lands,
Is come to the world's aid;
No peaceful home upon His cradle smil'd,
Guests rudely went and came, where slept the Royal Child.

Think on th' eternal home,
Saviour left for you;
Think on the Lord most holy, come
To dwell with hearts untried;
So shall ye tread untill'd His pastoral ways,
And in the darkness sing your carol of high praise.
—John Keble.

It is not every calamity that is a curse, and early adversity is often a blessing. Surrounded by difficulties not only teach, but hearten us in our future struggles.
—Sharp.

No Christian but has his Gethsemane; but every praying Christian will find there is no Gethsemane without his angel.—T. Binney.

There is not a heart but has its moments of longing, yearning for something better, nobler, holier than it knows now.—H. W. Beecher.

Democracy will itself accomplish the salutary universal change from the delusive to the real, and make a new blessed world of us by and by.—Caryle.

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 24, 1940.
SYNOPSIS OF WEATHER CONDITIONS
Pressure continues low off Vancouver Island and is relatively high in the Far North. The weather remains unsettled and mild throughout British Columbia, with showers in the Interior and rain on the Coast.
Moderate temperature is reported in the Prairie Provinces.

PRECIPITATION AND TEMPERATURES
(Precipitation for twelve hours to 5:00 p.m.; temperatures for twenty-four hours.)

	Precipitation	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	0.2	42	50
Nanaimo	0.1	44	47
Kamloops	0.1	41	48
Prince George	0.3	39	40
Kesteven Point	0.3	45	51
Prince Rupert	0.3	37	45
Langara	0.3	37	45
Dawson	0.1	41	45
Seattle	0.1	41	45
Portland	0.1	41	45
San Francisco	0.1	41	45
Spokane	0.1	41	45
Penticton	0.1	41	45
Vernon	0.1	41	45
Nelson	0.1	41	45
Grand Forks	0.1	41	45
Kaslo	0.1	41	45
Castroville	0.1	41	45
Edmonton	Trace	7	23
Swift Current	Trace	30	43
Regina	Trace	17	30
Prince Albert	Trace	5	24
Winnipeg	Trace	27	35
Monday			
Toronto	Trace	25	40
Ottawa	Trace	2	22
St. John	Trace	3	19
Halifax	Trace	11	19

TUESDAY
Minimum 42
Maximum 50
Average 46
Minimum on the grass 39
Weather, cloudy; sunshine, December 24, 30 mins.
Total rain, twenty-four hours ending 5:00 p.m., December 24, 0.3 in.

5:00 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS
Victoria—Barometer, 29.12; wind, S, 5 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.14; wind, E, 15 miles; cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.24; calm; cloudy.
Prince George—Barometer, 29.14; wind, NE, 5 miles; cloudy.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 28.98; wind, N, 2 miles; cloudy.
Langara—Barometer, 29.00; wind, NE, 10 miles; clear.
Kesteven Point—Barometer, 28.98; wind, S, 27 miles; cloudy.
Tasooch—Barometer, 29.06; wind, SW, 21 miles; cloudy.
Portland—Barometer, 29.27; wind, SW, 15 miles; cloudy.
Seattle—Barometer, 29.22; wind, SE, 10 miles; raining.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.00; wind, SW, 10 miles; cloudy.

Note and Comment

By SANDHAM GRAVES

A Christmas card for you.
It seems we have a universe to share.

I cede to you, fairly, you true share in it.

The deep blue waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The snow-mantled peaks of the Olympic range of mountains.

The easy grace of a gull, storm-wheeling to its roosting rock at sundown.

The aroma of the whispering pines, in their bright-nodded livery.

The impudent chirring of the red squirrel, its tail as a question mark.

The clear, liquid notes of the meadow lark, playing fairy pipes in the field.

The sure-footed deer, picking its way over Indian trails on the hill.

The soft, laughing waters of many a mountain rivulet, tinkling in the wilderness.

The deep-throated roars of their elder brethren, tumbling headlong into rocky gorges.

The picture-painted clouds, scene-shifters extraordinary in an endless changing gallery.

Lombardy poplars, which change from beauty unto beauty throughout the year.

The sun by day, with its glorious matins and its fiery ante-chambers.

The jewelled stars, twinkling and turning in their velvet beds by night.

The soft West wind, with its endless tales of the Pacific Ocean.

The cold North wind, with its frost-ferns and its ermine mantles.

The hawthorn and the holly; the arbutus and the dogwood tree.

I would share with you, further, the light that shines in children's eyes.

The steadfast anchor of a hand-clasp.

The charity that hides itself from all men's eyes.

The faith that moveth mountains.

The sober, living dignity of man.

Freedom: Of the body, of the mind, and of the soul.

Work, that has inbedded in it the elements of creation.

Play, without a raffle on the mind.

Forever, the chance to learn, and the will to grow.

The luck that follows those who do, and dare to be themselves.

I would not withhold from you wealth, honor, position, achievement.

But for myself, let me have it ever to say that I harmed no one.

But this card, for you, I would share with you, moreover:

The inevitable adventures inherent in the grand experiment of life.

Tread new and untried paths in the Sea of Skies.

Venture, beyond today with its storms, into tomorrow with its calm.

Watch mankind grow in stature, and repossess his living Eden.

See self-control unfold in mortals, as blooms a precious flower.

Attend the obsequies of cancer, tuberculosis, and the paralytic ailments.

Weigh years, like galleons, marking forward steps in wisdom and experience.

See, perhaps, in very fact Tennyson's sublime conception: "The Parliament of Man."

All this I would share with you, withholding nothing; and most of it, indeed, is free.

But for this special Christmas, I would share with you:

An undivided pride in the British Commonwealth of Nations.

An unabridged delight in the speeches of Winston Churchill.

Confidence, without need of words, in the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force.

Loyalty, esteem and affection for the First Gentleman and the First Lady of Britain.

An unshaken belief in the Age of George and Elizabeth; and may God keep them from harm.

And so, joined by Paddy Wire-hair, Shamus Macool, the Lump, the Holy Terror and all, I wish you one and all:

"A Right Merry Christmas!"

Sunrise and Sunset

DECEMBER

Times of sunrise and sunset (Pacific Standard Time, at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1940.)

Date Sun-Sun Date Sun-Sun

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Pontiff Enumerates Some Prerequisites For Future New Order

Pope Says Men and Nations Must Triumph Over Hatred, Mistrust, Notion That Might Makes Right, and Economic Maladjustment

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—Pope Pius declared today that in the search for the new order of the future, men and nations must triumph over hatred, over mistrust, over the notion that might makes right, over economic maladjustment and "cold egoism."

In a Christmas Eve message to the College of Cardinals he said that while the war goes on there is little hope for such a restoration.

Nevertheless, he expressed a "heart-felt wish" that when the guns have fallen silent, at last humanity and its leaders "will be sufficiently matured intellectually and capable in action to prepare the ground of the future for a new order that will be solid, true and just."

"We pray God," he added, "that it may so happen."

CANADIAN CO-OPERATION

The Pope included in his message a mention of the co-operation of Canadian authorities in allowing the church to attend to the spiritual needs of Italian war prisoners and internees in Canada. He said:

"We have succeeded in bringing many material and spiritual evidences of our concern . . . to Italian prisoners and internees, especially in Egypt, Australia and Canada."

The church herself could not be called upon to favor one over another of "the contrasting systems which are part of our times and dependent upon them," he said, since her "sole longing" was to provide to all the world's peoples "the clear waters of our patrimony and values of Christian life."

But for a society that "would be

humanly praiseworthy and spiritually elevated and a source of genuine good," he went on, there were these "indispensable prerequisites."

FIVE PREREQUISITES

"One, triumph over hate, which is today a cause of division among peoples; renunciation, therefore, of the systems and practices from which hate constantly receives added nourishment."

"Two, triumph over mistrust, which bears down as a depressing weight on international law and renders impossible the realization of any sincere agreement."

"Three, triumph over the distress principle that utility is a basis of law and right and that might makes right."

"Four, triumph over those germs of conflict which consist in two-sided differences in the field of world economy; hence progressive action, balanced by correspondent degrees, to arrive at arrangements which would give to every state the medium necessary for insuring the proper standard of living for its own citizens of every rank."

"Five, triumph over the spirit of cold egoism which, fearless in its might, easily leads to violation not only of the honor and sovereignty of states, but the rigorous, wholesome and disciplined liberty of citizens as well."

Present Token of Appreciation



In appreciation of the work he has done to further playing of the bagpipes, and as a mark of esteem from his friends, Pipe-Major Donald Cameron, W.O., was presented with a chair by the United Scottish Societies in the Liberal Headquarters Hall Monday night. Shown above are, from left to right: John Lowe, Tom Alexander, Pipe-Major Donald Cameron, and E. M. Whyte.

Obituary

KENNEDY—Funeral services for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Kennedy, who passed away on December 21, took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the chapel of Sands Mortuary Ltd. Archdeacon Robert Connell conducted the service, during which the congregation sang the hymn "Abide With Me." Beautiful floral offerings covered and surrounded the casket. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. A. T. Hunkin, Carey Pope, C. F. Banfield, P. E. George, H. S. Hurn and Ald. J. A. Worthington. The remains were then laid to rest in Colwood Burial Park.

PURDEY—The funeral of Thomas Richard Purdey will be held from the Sands Mortuary Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Canon P. A. P. Chadwick and Rev. Fred Comley officiating. Interment will be at Ross Bay Cemetery.

JONES—An exceptionally large number of sympathizing friends were present Tuesday afternoon at funeral services conducted for the late Mrs. Mabel Elizabeth Jones. Rev. Dr. A. E. Whitton officiated, during which two hymns, "When On My Day of Life" and "Breathe On Me, Breath of God," were sung. A solo "Under His Wings" was also rendered. Many beautiful floral tributes were received, including those from business and professional firms. The following acted as pallbearers: Stan Moore, Eldon Knott, Winston Robinson, Gordon Scott, Ronald Whittington and Elmer Charlton. S. J. Curry & Son had charge of arrangements.

MICHIE—Funeral services for Isabella Michie will be held in the Thomson Funeral Home on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. H. McAllister will officiate. Cremation will take place at the Royal Oak Crematorium.

RUSSELL—There passed away, at St. Joseph's Hospital, on December 23, 1940, Lorne McKay Russell, aged twenty-five years, born in Winnipeg, Man., and a resident of Victoria for the past six years. He leaves to mourn his passing his mother, Mrs. D. Russell, the family residence, 219 David Street, and one brother, David, of Victoria. Funeral services will be held on Friday afternoon at 3:30 in St. Paul's Naval and Military Church, Esquimalt. Rev. A. Bischlager will officiate and interment will be in the Naval and Military Cemetery. The Thomson Funeral Home has charge of the arrangements.

INRIG—Funeral services will be held for Elizabeth Cranston Inrig in McCall Bros' Funeral Chapel tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in Colwood Burial Park.

HOGGIN—Canon H. W. G. Stocken conducted private services at McCall Bros' Funeral Home yesterday morning for Mrs. Catherine P. Hogbin, after which the remains were cremated at Royal Oak Crematorium.

DUNCAN—Mass was celebrated by Father Jullion in Our Lady Queen of Peace Church yesterday morning for Thomas Duncan. Interment was at Ross Bay Cemetery, the pallbearers including the four grandsons of the deceased, W. Duncan, E. Duncan, G. Duncan and L. Duncan, also W. W. Baines and M. Smythe.

ROSS—A service will be held in McCall Bros' Funeral Home tomorrow morning at 9:30, after which the remains will be taken to Ladysmith United Church, where Rev. C. McDiarmid will conduct the funeral at 2 o'clock, followed by interment in Ladysmith Cemetery.

McKENZIE—On Monday, December 23, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Thomas Conal McKenzie, aged fifty-six years, of 1513 Hampshire Road, passed away. The late Mr. McKenzie was born in Nova Scotia and had been a resident of the city for the last twenty-two years. He is survived by his widow, and two daughters, Misses Monica and Shirley, as well as three sisters in Nova Scotia, two sisters in Kamloops, and a brother at North Hill, B.C. He served overseas in the first Great War with the Black Devils of Medicine Hat, Alberta. The remains are resting at McCall Bros' Funeral

Army Leaders Send Christmas Messages To People of Canada

Generals McNaughton, Pearkes and Odium Speak For Troops in England at Yuletide—Special Thoughts Voiced for France

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, Dec. 24 (AP).—Hope that "in the not too distant future we may all be together in our homeland, so this season in succeeding years may once again be happy and merry," was voiced by Lieut.-Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton in a Christmas message to the people of Canada.

The commander of a Canadian British Army Corps said that in the year since the vanguard of the Canadian Army reached the United Kingdom the force has grown in strength and numbers. There had been many alarms and excursions, some discomforts and, on occasion, much anxiety, "but all this has been borne with cheerfulness and good temper and, above all, with patience and devotion to the cause for which we bear arms."

Recalling that British hearts and homes had been opened to the Canadian troops, General McNaughton said his thanks for the hospitality and added: "We join with the British people in firm faith and hope that peace on earth to men of good will shall come to all the world when the powers of darkness and evil have been put down."

Major-General G. R. Pearkes, commander of the First Canadian Division, assured Canadians in his Christmas message that after a year of soldiering his troops "are unbeatable."

Major-General Victor Odium's message said the Second Division is "very home-conscious at this season." The division's commander said his troops were using the pause before battle to complete training to meet the enemy whom "no one really fears." For the present, the date of battle was his to choose.

"But some day the initiative will pass to us and then the Empire's forces will make their choice," General Odium said. "When that day comes the end of the war will be in sight. Between today and then there must be no relaxation of effort, no let up, either here or at home. The division counts on you. You may depend on it."

FOR PROTECTION OF HOMES

"They will miss you this Christmas," he added, "and thoughts of home will be uppermost in their minds, but we are here for the protection of those homes and the preservation of this very Christmas spirit."

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Dramatic Club Entertains Men At Mary Hill

The Optimists of the Esquimalt Dramatic Club closed their 1940 season with a successful concert for the Second Battalion, the Canadian Scottish Regiment, at Mary Hill Camp last Friday evening. The hall was filled to capacity by an appreciative audience.

Those taking part on the well arranged programme were: Sketch, written and directed by H. M. Bigwood, with Myra Deane-Freeman, Margaret Sullivan, Doris Bayles, Elizabeth Welch and Norman Brown taking roles; sketch, written and directed by Margaret Sullivan, with Grace Brown, Margaret Sullivan, Doris Bayles and Norman Brown heading the cast; songs by Myra Deane-Freeman, Doris Bayles, Elizabeth Welch and E. Jeffries. Other entertainers included Violet Oak, P. Pinlott, A. Bayles and H. M. Bigwood, director and stage manager. The club's opening concert in the new year will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Red Triangle Hut, Macaulay Point, on January 3.

JUST AN UPSTART

LONDON, Dec. 24 (AP).—The following sign was displayed widely in downtown London on this Christmas Eve:

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MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—"We cannot guarantee a wishbone with every portion of turkey on the Trans-Canada Air Lines planes during the holiday season," says W. W. Swinden, "but there will be plenty of turkey and plenty of good wishes." Mr. Swinden is general superintendent of the Canadian National Railway dining-car department, which arranges for T.C.A. meals aloft.

The T.C.A. stewardesses started serving turkey Sunday and the Christmas menu will be adhered to today as well as on Christmas Day itself. They will be repeated next week from December 30 to January 2, inclusive.

In addition to turkey, with cranberry jelly, Christmas cake with almond icing and a sprig of holly is being served, also nuts and raisins.

GIFTS GIVEN TROOPS AWAY

Men of Three Services to
Have Plenty During
Holiday Season

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—The folks at home whose thoughts are ever with Canada's soldiers, sailors and airmen abroad have rallied round in royal fashion to brighten the Christmas season for the "boys over there." Literally tons of food and hundreds of dollars' worth of tobacco have been shipped overseas by individuals and groups across Canada.

The work of such national organizations as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus and Y.M.C.A. in cheering and succoring the lads in the front lines is well known. But it is not so generally known the Canadian Legion, the Provincial Governments of British Columbia and New Brunswick, chapters of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire and municipal councils have added their own individual contributions to the cause.

NAMES OF DONORS

The Canadian Legion, a month ago, started looking for 5,000 turkeys to send to the troops in England. Brig.-Gen. Alex. Ross, chairman of the Legion, said members in Saskatchewan, Alberta and Manitoba would be asked to donate one bird each. The name of the donor would be attached to each bird.

On behalf of its citizens, the British Columbia Government arranged to distribute 150,000 cigarettes among soldiers, sailors and airmen from that province serving abroad. Even British Columbia's serving with the Imperial forces will be remembered.

The New Brunswick Government sent over 150,000 cigarettes for those members of the armed forces from that province.

Sixteen barrels of the choicest apples grown in the Eastern Ontario Counties of Hastings and Prince Edward were forwarded by the Sir Thomas Pleton Chapter, I.O.D.E. Members of the Hastings and Prince Edward regiments are the recipients.

The town council of Timmins recently voted to send 300 cigarettes to each of the 167 Timmins men overseas.

TREAT FOR SEAMEN

An extra effort was made by the Navy League of Canada to give the seafaring fighters a treat. E. F. Trimble, general secretary of the League, announced recently that 10,000 pounds of plum puddings have been wrapped and will be fed sailors on the high seas and in Canadian ports Christmas Day. These puddings were made from the same recipe used by the Royal Family's chef—even the rum.

To cap these mighty contributions was one from South America. Employees of the International Petroleum Company at Valera, Peru, sent \$1,000 to the Department of National Defence. The note that accompanied the gift said: "Please buy some cigarettes for the lads overseas."

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The Wish Bone, 707 1/2 Yates, will be open for dinner from 5 till 9 o'clock Christmas Day.

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Free—Colonist Cookbook, now available, Circulation Department.

POPE CELEBRATES CUSTOMARY MASSES

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 24 (AP).—Pope Pius did not depart from the tradition of midnight Christmas, although by his dispensation the faithful in countries blacked out by war were permitted to attend afternoon services.

The Pontiff himself celebrated the customary masses at midnight in his private chapel with a few close associates and relatives attending.

Start of Breath-Taking City Drive



Mayor Andrew McGavin is shown here tying the blindfold over the eyes of Magician William Harkness prior to the start of his drive through the city streets with a hood over the blindfold. The stunt was made to promote interest in the sale of tickets for the Rotary diamond brooch, the proceeds from which are to be donated to the Lord Mayor's Fund.

City & District

Six Fined—Five motorists were each fined \$2.50 in the city police court yesterday for parking over the hour limit. Another paid a \$2.50 fine for night parking.

Real Estate—A report on real estate market conditions during the current year was received at the City Hall from the Real Estate Board of Victoria, yesterday.

Line Extensions—Application has been made at the City Hall by the B.C. Electric Railway Co., Ltd., for pole line extensions on Morrison Street and Dallas Road, near Oswego Street.

Annual Entertainment—The annual prize-giving and Christmas entertainment of St. Alban's Sunday School will take place Saturday, at 7 p.m., assisted by the pupils of Adeline Grant in Scotch and Irish dances.

New Council—Members of the 1941 City Council will be sworn in before Judge H. H. Shandley, in County Court, at 11 o'clock on the morning of January 3. The inaugural meeting will be held on January 6.

No Appeal—During a committee of the whole yesterday morning, the City Council decided not to file notice of appeal from a decision of Mr. Justice Fisher which reduced the assessment on the Stobart Building from \$62,500 to \$40,000.

Museum Closed—The Provincial Museum of Natural History will be closed on December 25 and 26, in accordance with civil service holiday routine, according to an announcement made yesterday by G. C. Carl, acting director.

City Temperatures—Maximum and minimum temperatures recorded yesterday at the Dominion Meteorological Observatory on Gonzales Hill were 50 and 42 degrees, respectively. The maximum temperature observed on the grounds of the Strathcona Hotel was 51 degrees

CANADIAN FORCES FORM ARMY CORPS

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The movement was completed that division went into intensive training as a division.

STAFFED BY CANADIANS

Last July a British Canadian corps—known as the Seventh Corps—was formed by the First Division, which was then considered ready for action, and another Empire division. General McNaughton was given command, while Maj.-Gen. C. R. Powles, V.C., of Calgary, was promoted to command the First Division. General McNaughton's corps headquarters staff from the first consisted largely of Canadian officers, selected in the main from the First Division.

The Prime Minister's statement said final arrangements for the formation of the all-Canadian corps had been made by Defence Minister Ralston, who now is in London, had been approved by the Canadian Cabinet and had the full accord of the British Government.

"Establishment of a Canadian corps is significant of the steadily increasing scale of Canada's military effort," said Mr. King.

While no units of the corps have yet clashed with the enemy, they have experienced the air attacks of the Germans on the United Kingdom, and several times before the German conquest of Western Europe was completed were on the point of being thrown into battle.

ASSIGNED TO NORWAY

Some units of the First Division went to Northern ports for movement to Norway last Spring, but the operation in which they were to take part was called off.

One battalion actually reached France when it was decided to throw the division into the battle there, but it was ordered to return to the United Kingdom when hope of continuing the fight there was abandoned. General McNaughton and some of his officers made a reconnaissance of the battle area in Belgium and his report was considered in the formation of plans for British military operations.

Formation of the corps recalls the performance of the Canadian Corps in the first Great War. Mr. King, in his statement, said "the armed forces of Canada have a long and proud history of military achievements of Canada in the last war."

The Canadian Corps in the first Great War came into being on September 13, 1915, when the Second Division landed in France and joined the First Division which had been there for more than six months and had passed through some of the bloodiest battles of that war.

TRAINED IN ENGLAND

Both divisions were recruited in Canada but largely organized and trained in England. The first corps commander was Lieut.-Gen. E. H. A. Alderson, who took over command of the first Canadian contingent on its arrival in England in the Fall of 1914, guided the troops through their training period, and from the first contingent organized the First Division which he led to France and commanded in action.

On arriving in France the Second Division was not wholly complete. For a time it was supported by British artillery until when the Canadian Divisional Artillery arrived.

Sir Julian Byng, who later became Governor-General of Canada, commanded the troops at a later date, and in the latter year of the war, the period in which it achieved its greater glory, the corps was under Arthur Currie.

HAD FOUR DIVISIONS

By 1918 the Canadian Corps had reached a strength of four complete divisions with the appropriate corps troops and under Sir Arthur Currie's command it was carefully groomed during the Spring and early Summer for the big Allied offensive in the late Summer. The Third Division went to France in December, 1915, and the Fourth Division in June, 1916.

In that offensive the Canadian Corps played a stellar role and shared with the other Allied forma-



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still vividly recall the events of a quarter of a century ago, and especially to the veterans, the announcement that a new Canadian Corps is in being will kindle many memories of the military achievements of Canadians in the last war. For the members of the present Active Service Force, the formation of the new corps is a recognition of the long and arduous training of the First and Second Divisions of the Canadian Army.

To them, in whatever field they may be called upon for service, it will be the example of the old corps of a generation ago.

Aged Chinese Get Christmas Dinner

Nearly three score aged Chinese of the city were entertained at the annual dinner convened yearly by Mrs. Jane Moher at Don Mee's Restaurant, 538 Fisgard Street, last night.

Through the good offices of the city and the B.C. Electric, a Christmas tree, bright with lights, added to the festivities of the evening, and the generosity of private contributors made it possible for each man to receive a long pair of woolen hose as a Christmas gift. Candies, biscuits and smokes were also contributed among those who attended.

Relief Rolls Less—November relief rolls in British Columbia were fewer by 24,205 individuals, compared with the corresponding month last year. E. W. Griffiths, provincial relief administrator, said yesterday. The rolls included 3,827 heads of families and 3,396 single men, with 9,306 dependents. Men listed as "unemployable" were fewer by 706, and it was believed that some of them had found jobs, despite the official classification.

A Merry Christmas to All

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Women's Organizations and Activities

Children's Ball Will Be Held at Empress Hotel

All is in readiness for the children's fancy dress ball to be held on Friday night at the Empress Hotel and it is expected that there will be a particularly large crowd of youngsters. The ball, which is the twenty-fourth to be arranged by the Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., will start at 7 p.m. and at 9 o'clock the children will line up for the grand march in to supper. From then until 1 o'clock the ballroom will be taken over by the older guests.

Mrs. Euan Hamblay will have charge of the door; Mrs. E. O. Weston and Mrs. R. Shanks being responsible for the receipts. Mrs. T. A. Johnston and Miss F. McNeill will marshal the children in the grand march.

The patrons of the ball are His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Hamblay, the Premier and Mrs. T. D. Pattullo, Hon. John Hart and Mrs. Hart, Commodore and Mrs. W. J. R. Beech, Air Commodore and Mrs. A. E. Godfrey, Major-General and Mrs. R. O. Alexander.

Clubs-Societies

Working Group Formed

A meeting was called by Mrs. H. A. Robinson recently at the Log Cabin, Ganges, for the purpose of organizing a working group of the mothers, wives and other relatives of Salt Spring Island boys in the 1st Battalion, The Canadian Scottish, stationed at Debert Camp, Nova Scotia. Arrangements were made to meet every month at each other's houses, report on work accomplished, send off parcels of finished articles, etc. to the camp. The group will be glad if anyone having friends in the Scottish will join, and help in the work. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ross Young, Ganges Harbor, on Monday, January 20.

Bridge Club

The Chislers' Bridge Club held its meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Florrie Auchterlonie, Colville Road. Refreshments were served and prizes were won by Miss Betty Lansell and Mrs. Robert Stewart. Each member received a present from the Christmas tree. The guest of the evening was Miss Lil Bennett. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss P. Merton, Hillside Avenue.

Salt Spring Guild

The St. George's Church Altar Guild, Salt Spring Island, held a home-cooking and candy stall recently in the store of Mount Bros., mixture to boil.

Ltd. The stall, presided over by Mrs. R. O'Callaghan, Mrs. Alan Cartwright and Mrs. Jack Abbott, realized the sum of \$23.04, and the funds will go to the church funds.

Daughters of England

Lodge Primrose No. 93, Daughters of England, will hold its regular meeting on Friday, in the S.O.E. Hall. The annual social evening will be held after the meeting.

Jubilee Hospital W.A.

The meeting arranged by the Jubilee Hospital W.A. for Friday afternoon has been canceled. Notice of the next meeting will be given later.

Welcome Friends During Yuletide

Open house at Christmastime expands the human heart. With a little careful planning it needn't expend the budget.

Afternoon teas are coming back into great popularity. There is nothing terribly complicated about them, particularly if you have a silver tea set and enough cups and saucers to make the business of entertaining your friends decorative and comfortable.

Send words to your friends on a formal visiting card stating the day and hour of your tea. If you are giving the party in honor of some friend home from college, or some visitor for the holidays, just write across the top of the card "To meet Miss So-and-So"; then ask some friend to help you pour. She will wear a hat and an afternoon dress and you, as hostess, should wear a rather semi-formal gown.

Dainty sandwiches and cakes, candies and nuts, and if possible, one hot dish, should be on the table when the party begins. It is not necessary to serve cocktails or highballs at afternoon tea. In fact, tea is supplanting strong beverages more and more among people who are returning to the refinements of entertainment.

During the holidays a family punch bowl has its uses for hospitality. Spiced mulled port wine or old-fashioned fireside wine is one of the winter's more pleasant aspects. The following recipe might be welcome at this time of the year.

Old-fashioned Fireside Wine (serves six)—Three lemons sliced, one cup water, one-third-inch stick cinnamon, four tablespoons sugar, one pint port wine. Slice the lemons, water and cinnamon together in a saucepan. Boil three minutes. Add the wine and heat to desired drinking temperature. Do not allow mixture to boil.

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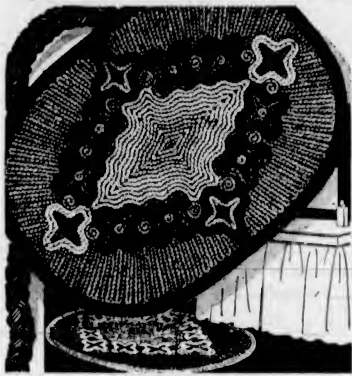
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WEDDINGS

MATTHEWS-VESSEY

The Yuletide decorations in St. Mark's Church made a festive setting for the wedding of Edith May, only daughter of the late Mr. Vessey and Mrs. E. C. Vessey, 909 Falmouth Road, and Mr. Edwin Lloyd Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Matthews, Linden Avenue, which was solemnized by Rev. O. L. Juli at 8 o'clock last evening. The organist was in attendance. Given in marriage by her brother, Mr. Jack Vessey, the bride looked charming in an informal frock of baby blue silk with wine accessories and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and roses. Mrs. Ben Vessey, sister-in-law of the bride, was matron of honor, wearing a Monterey rose frock, a black hat trimmed with silver fox, black accessories and a corsage bouquet of roses and Mr. Clifford Simons was best man.

Relatives and a few intimate friends were entertained at the home of the bridegroom's parents where chrysanthemums and carnations were mingled with the Christmas decorations. The bride and groom stood beneath a white petaloid bell to receive the felicitations of the guests, who were welcomed on arrival by Mrs. Vessey, in a rose and grey ensemble, assisted by Mrs. Matthews, in a wine dress with black accessories, who both wore corsage bouquets of pink carnations. The supper table was lighted with red tapers and centered with the cake. For a honeymoon on the mainland, the bride left in a fur-trimmed light blue coat over her wedding outfit. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews will make their home on Southgate Street.

PRINGLE-SMITH

The marriage was solemnized by Rev. W. C. Weston, in St. Paul's Naval and Garrison Church, at 8 o'clock last evening, between Sadie Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith, 1221 Lyall Street, Esquimalt, and Signalman Wellington Robert Pringle, R.C.N., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pringle, Regina, Sask. The church was fragrant with Christmas decorations, and peals of holly marked the guest pews. The organist played the wedding music and as the register was being signed Corporal Donald Boodle sang "All Joy Be Thine." The pretty bride was given away by her father and wore a floor-length Empire frock of white chiffon with a long-sleeved bolero. Her veil reached to the hem of her skirt from a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses and white carnations. Mrs. J. Stewart was matron of honor, wearing a frock of coral pink chiffon with a long-sleeved bolero and a full pleated skirt with gloves and doll hat in the same shade. She carried a bouquet of salmon pink carnations.

The bridesmaids were her twin

sister, Miss Lillian Smith, in a frock of aqua-green celanese taffeta, and Miss Violet Crowe in violet blue. The gowns were fashioned alike with short-sleeved criss-crossed and pleated bodices and long, full skirts with pleated pockets. They were matching lace mittens and doll hats in the contrasting color and carried sheaves of bronze chrysanthemums and carnations. Mr. Eric Smith was best man and William Giddon and Douglas Lloyd, R.C.N., were ushers. During the reception in the parish hall the couple stood between baskets of flowers, supper being served at a table adorned with vases of pink and white chrysanthemums and centered with the cake. Mrs. Smith wore an Empire gown of "soldier boy" blue Sandshere crepe with a black model hat trimmed with an ostrich plume, and receiving with her was Mrs. J. McCall in a white-dotted brown crepe dress and matching accessories. Both wore corsage bouquets of white carnations and Ophelia roses.

Following a honeymoon Up-Island, Mr. and Mrs. Pringle will travel home in Esquimalt. For material progress, moral strength and social uplift, such in a very few inadequate words is a description of the extent and benefits of the conquests of Him whose birth we commemorate again shortly.

Concert Is Held by Cedar Hill School

The annual Christmas concert to Cedar Hill School was held in St. Luke's Hall recently, with Lieut. E. McVie in the chair for the opening evening, and Mr. L. G. Scott, president of the P-T-A, the second evening. Both chairmen congratulated the school and staff on the quality of the performances. An address of welcome was given by Mr. C. Mitchell, a splendid Christmas concert was presented by the pupils and included a tableau, singing by the school choir, dances, recitations, a skit, flag drill and a costume period play, "Thirty Minutes With Mozart." Mr. S. Brooker was in charge of the lighting and Miss R. Whitaker, L.R.S.M., was accompanist. The conclusion of the programme, little Betty Polson, on behalf of the teachers, presented Miss Whitaker with an arm bouquet. The children sold candy during the intermission, for Red Cross supplies. On December 20 the P-T-A executive met at the school to distribute the usual Christmas treat to the children.

Anglican Young People

LOCAL COUNCIL
The monthly meeting of the Victoria and District Local Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday evening with the president, Ray Hatfield, in the chair. Stan Clarke, badminton convener, reported the league schedule had commenced with six teams entering. Ray Hatfield reported arrangements were made to obtain a charter for the Junior Branch of the Cathedral A.Y.P.A. he also outlined a proposed programme to be sent in to the Dominion Council for their conference to be held in May, 1941, at Guelph, Ontario. Miss Muriel Malcolm accepted the position as convener for the monthly magazine. Miss Trickett reported on the entertainment arrangements for H. M. Forces. The remainder of the evening was spent in general discussion of programmes for the coming year.

SAY IT
SOS. — A sailor has an EZ time when on the DP he sails; it's RD finds afloat to climb, exposed to IC gales. And then in KC makes a slip, or if he DZ grows, he falls from off the IN ship, and in the CE goes.

A Yuletide Message

IF the importance of an anniversary in the Christian Year is to be measured by that of the event which it commemorates, Christmas Day should be the most important day of the year. It commemorates the birthday of the most influential Person ever born into the world—a Person who has proved Himself to be the greatest of world conquerors. His coming among men, remembered particularly at Christmas, made possible all that He accomplished for the good of the world and therefore this day has practical significance for all people who profess and call themselves Christians. We are all participants in the benefits of His life, all, to some extent, subjects of His conquests, therefore we should give some good heed to some of the suggestions that this important day has for us and, indeed, for the world at large.

He, who came into the world on Christmas Day, was a world-conqueror. His conquests cover all generations of the Christian era, embrace people of every nation, race, tongue and class and increase rather than diminish in the process of time. The church, which He founded and to which His subjects belong, is a world-wide institution that perpetuates itself with constant vigor from one generation to another. In its membership there have been and still are great saints, heroic martyrs, whose lives have been made what they are by their loyalty to Him who has conquered them. And all this shows that His conquests are in the truest sense real conquests, differing absolutely from conquests made by the sword. Other conquerors obtain their authority by force; they subdue their subjects by material means but leave their hearts unconquered.

What Today Means

CAPRICORN

If December 25 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m., from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. and from 10:30 p.m. until midnight.

In order to thoroughly enjoy this day, the Christmas spirit must be within you and should be expressed by your words and deeds. Gift alone will not suffice to bring happiness to those you love. Goodwill emanating from you, accompanied by smiles and gracious words, can do more to make this a really merry Christmas than will the lavish spending of money. Keep in a good humor, overlook trifles, ignore annoyances, and you will have a pleasant Christmas. This is a day when it will be well to remember that "an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," particularly when it comes to safeguarding against accidents occurring through the ignition of inflammable materials, the short circuiting of wires and being in too much of a hurry. Married and engaged couples, as well as those living in the lovers' dream world, should remember that Christmas comes but once a year and that nothing should be permitted to disrupt or disturb its traditions and customs.

If a woman and December 25 is your birthday, high ideals should constantly influence your process of reasoning and actions. Your poise is apt to command respect and may be the cause of people not questioning anything you may say to them. You are probably more interested in intellectual attainments than physical achievements. You should be able to develop a remarkable spirit of fearlessness if you make up your mind to do so. Through the acquisition of a great amount of faith you should be able to overcome many material fears that originate mainly from inherited superstitions. As a teacher, secretary, librarian, trained nurse, dietician, interior decorator, writer, office manager, sales agent or artist, you may attract widespread attention and become very prosperous. Auspicious conditions appear to surround your matrimonial prospects.

The child born on December 25 is usually very sensitive to the warnings of instinct and reacts almost instantly to its prompting. An alert conscience should keep this youngster from making many mistakes. Animated by a desire to succeed, children born on this date frequently become outstanding members of society.

If a man and December 25 is your natal day, you may be too practical to indulge in daydreams. An analytical mind will make your process of reasoning sound. Good sportsmanship should be one of your outstanding characteristics. As a theatrical man, journalist, author, explorer, soldier, sailor, aviator, mechanic, engineer, architect, agriculturist, inventor, manufacturer, salesman, artist or musician, your future good fortune may surpass your most optimistic expectations.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

CAPRICORN

If December 26 is your birthday, the best hours for you on this date

To Greet You

May joy be thine this Christmas Morn,
A song be at thine ear;
The same the Angels sang w of old
Upon a Midnight clear;
O may it come more sweetly now
Out of the clouds of War;
Its echoes softly steal along
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SCHOOL CONCERT
The pupils of the Happy Valley School held their annual concert in the Luxton Hall last Thursday evening. The programme was under the direction of the principal, J. H. Downard and Miss L. Eastman. Mr. A. W. Silman welcomed the guests and following the concert members of the Junior Red Cross sold Christmas gifts and novelties.

CHRISTMAS Greetings
In extending the compliments of the season I speak, not only for my firm, but for our entire staff. One and all they join in thanking you for the patronage which makes our service possible and in wishing you every happiness the holiday can bring.
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Christmas in Vancouver

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. E. W. Humber are spending Christmas at their home in Vancouver.

Extends Good Wishes

Colonel the Hon. H. A. Mullins, who is spending the winter months in Victoria, a guest at the Empress Hotel, was a caller in the editorial rooms of The Colonist yesterday when he extended to the members of the staff his good wishes for the Christmas season. Senator Mullins, who makes his home in Winnipeg and at Ottawa, was early identified with the cattle ranching business in the Prairie lands, being associated with the famous Cochrane Ranch which played so important a part in the livestock industry. For some time he has not been associated with business, selling out his interests a number of years ago. He is

enamored of the climatic conditions of Victoria and will spend as long as he can here before having to return to Ottawa to take up his duties in the Senate.

Miscellaneous Shower

In honor of Miss Virginia MacMorris, whose marriage to Gunter Sergeant Malcolm Harbison, R.C.A., will take place tomorrow, Miss Grace Adams, Irma Street, entertained a number of the bride-elect's former school friends of St. Ann's Academy at a miscellaneous shower. The guests of honor were presented with a corsage bouquet of mauve baby chrysanthemums. The gifts were concealed in a cellophane-decorated hat box. Tea was served from a lace-covered table, centred with an attractive winter scene. Contests were held, the winner being Miss Owen Berrill. Those present were Mrs. H. Norris, Misses Virginia Norris, Dorothy Harding, Phyllis Monaghan, Betty Peel, Phyllis Knight, Evelyn Finn, Juliette Demers, Eileen Clarke, Violet Stanley, Joan Jarvis, Gladys Provan, Grace Shubrooke, Gwen Berrill, Geraldine Williamson, Agnes Finn, Joyce Norris, Jean and Grace Adams.

At the Empress

Among interesting people who are at the Empress Hotel for the Yuletide festivals is Miss Hannah Martin of Salem, Oregon, who for eight years has been a member of the Legislative Assembly for that State. Recently she was elected city recorder and municipal judge and thus holds the honor of being the only woman of Marion County ever elected to a judicial or executive position. With Judge Martin is Mrs. Herman Phister, of Salem, an educationist of note from those parts.

Christmas Eve Party

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hilton, Rockland Avenue, entertained fifty friends at a buffet dinner party last evening in a lovely setting of Christmas decorations. Music and carol singing were enjoyed by the guests, who, on departure at midnight, were each presented by their hosts with a lighted candle to start their own



—Photo by Reg McAllister.

A group of pupils from the Wynne Shaw School of Dancing, who will entertain the youngsters of the Fairbridge Farm School, Cowichan, on Saturday. The children are, from left to right: Elizabeth Harding, Margaret Jeffries, Lillian Watson, Ann Henderson, Jeannette Paterson; and seated on the floor, Betty Jamieson.

Yule logs burning, an old custom of Kentucky, the former home of Mrs. Hilton.

Christening Ceremony

After the Christmas Day service at St. Mark's Church, this morning, Rev. O. L. Jull will baptize the twin baby daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Winerburn, 1046 Falmouth Road. They will receive the names Barbara Joan and Patricia Louise and the godparents will be Mr. and Mrs. G. Cambrey, their uncle and aunt and Mrs. W. F. Hawes.

Arriving Home Today

Private Ronald S. McConnan, 3rd Division Petrol Company, will arrive today from the East, and will spend his leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McConnan, St. David Street. Mr. Ian McConnan is coming by plane from Calgary to be with his family.

Visiting Sister

Mrs. F. Thompson and Miss G. Lane, Victoria, have left for North Salt Spring Island, to visit their sister, Mrs. A. B. Cartwright. Mrs. Thompson will spend two weeks there, and Miss Lane will visit a few days.

From Walla Walla

Mrs. A. E. Page, of Walla Walla, Wash., who is at the Empress Hotel for the Yuletide festivals is to be joined by her daughter, Miss Frances Page, of San Francisco, Christmas morning. The late Mr. Page played in the 1939 seniors' golf meet here.

To Visit Brother

Miss Isabel Goward, R.N., left on Monday for Seattle en route to Gearhart, Ore., to spend Christmas with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Goward, and will visit them for a few weeks afterwards.

Interior Visitor

I. S. Knight, proprietor of the Lake Lucille Lodge at Garibaldi, B.C., is visiting Victoria for a holiday and will spend the Christmas season here before returning to his home.

Here for Holidays

Mrs. Beatrice Stone has come over from Vancouver to spend the Christmas and New Year's holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Perry, 1596 Clive Drive.

Is at Empress

A. G. Slaght, Liberal Member of the House of Commons for Parry Sound, Ont., is spending Christmas in the city, a guest at the Empress Hotel.

Here for Christmas

Major and Mrs. F. C. Turner and Miss Norah Turner, Ganges, Salt Spring Island, are spending Christmas in Victoria as guests of Dr. E. M. Butherford, The Angela.

Leaves for Hollywood

Miss Georgina Dowdall left for Hollywood on Monday after spend-

ing the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dowdall, 977 Victoria Avenue.

From Vancouver

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth J. Bowne, Vancouver, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bowne's mother, Mrs. M. Hodge, 984 Island Road, Oak Bay.

From Salt Spring

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Mout and their son are spending several days in Victoria as guests of Mrs. Mout's parents, Rev. William and Mrs. Allan.

Arrives From Chicago

Mrs. W. E. Riltche, of Chicago, is at the Empress for Christmas.

Arrives From East

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Bennett has arrived from the East to spend his Christmas leave with his mother, Mrs. G. A. Bennett, 1114 Rockland Avenue.

From Vancouver

Miss Kate Parker has arrived from Vancouver to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Parker, 1894 Hampshire Road, over the holiday.

Arriving This Morning

Private Ekko Grimm will arrive this morning from Eastern Canada to spend Christmas with his wife at their home on Sinclair Road, Cadboro Bay.

Visiting Mother

Mr. John Unthoff has returned from the University of British Columbia to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Ina D. D. Unthoff, 468 Beach Drive.

From Regina

Miss Mary Clarke, of Regina, is spending the Christmas holidays with Capt. and Mrs. Littlehales, Lampson Street, Esquimalt.

Holidaying Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shattuck, of Portland, frequent visitors to Victoria, are at the Empress for the holidays.

Leaves for Ganges

Mr. Hubert Wilson, of this city, has left for Ganges, where he will visit his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. K. Butterfield, for several days.

Here From Spokane

Mrs. Warren Tolman, of Spokane, Washington, arrived yesterday for the Yuletide festivals at the Empress.

Visitor From California

Mrs. Dan Daniels, a visitor from Santa Monica, Calif., is spending the Christmas season with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hilton, Rockland Avenue.

Home for Christmas

Miss Margaret Gibbons went over to Vancouver yesterday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gibbons.

To Vancouver

Miss Audrey Jaques left last night for Vancouver to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Jaques.

From Seattle

Miss Agnes Smart, of the staff of the University of Washington, Social Welfare Department, is at the Empress for the Yuletide festivals.

GIVE ANNUAL CONCERT AT KEATING SCHOOL

Many parents and friends attended the Christmas concert given by the pupils of the Keating School at the Temperance Hall. After the closing item of the programme, Santa Claus appeared to give out the presents from a prettily decorated tree. Receiving a bag of candy, each child was served a supper. Refreshments were given to all present. Captain N. Gray, chairman of the school board, was present and during an intermission in the programme he gave suitable remarks.

At the Shrine of Nativity

Pilgrims from a war-torn world will arrive by thousands on Christmas Eve at the shrine of the nativity in Bethlehem to pray that Christ's message again will prevail.

They will pray that peace shall return to nations which have lost it. They will ask that good will reign again in the hearts of men according to the teachings of Him whose natal hour they celebrate.

To the worshippers who approach the Church of the Nativity the message of peace will be clear—as it was on that distant night when Herod ruled Jerusalem, when Christ was born to the Virgin Mary. From a balcony overlooking the large square fronting the church, the multitude will be seen slowly approaching the small, breast-high entrance.

Lines of people will stream through the crypt inside the church itself in which is marked the spot the manger stood which couched Mary so many centuries ago and to which came the Three Wise Men bearing gifts.

Kneeling, black-robed nuns pray continuously to the sound of shuffling feet; monks move with long tapers to fulfill their tasks; British policemen mingle with civilians who come to spend Christmas Eve in the holiest city of Christendom.

Throughout the early part of the night, hushed throngs will wait for the Midnight Mass and the climax of the ceremony of the Nativity—carrying the effigy of the Christ Child from the Convent of St. Catherine to the site of the manger.

As dark falls the church fills rapidly with ranking army officers, members of the consular corps, high Government officials and rich and poor of the citizenry—come to hear Vespers sung in the little town of Bethlehem.

They await the midnight hour, for the bells of Bethlehem to peal the message of peace on earth, to hear the patriarch pronounce the consecration, to see drawn aside the jewelled curtains shrouding the tabernacle above the high altar to reveal the Baby.

"On Earth Peace..."

A PRAYER

With the lowering clouds of war again darkening the earth after a brief interval, how fervent is our prayer that peace shall once more prevail, that the words "good will toward men" shall cease to echo hollowly in a war-torn world.

Growth of the Christmas tradition has never ceased since the fifth century, when the birth of Christ was first generally celebrated. With it has come a spirit of universal happiness; old customs have survived although time has brought changes in them.

And this year the season will be observed much as usual. It is not

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May this new Christmas bring you new and greater joys for 1941.

MUNDAY'S

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Women's Institutes

ESQUIMALT

The Esquimalt Women's Institute will hold a five hundred party tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Kelly, 1357 Esquimalt Road. There will be prizes and refreshments.

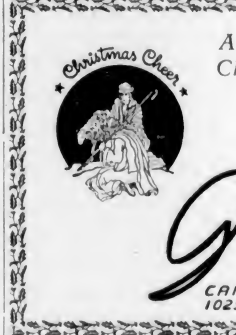
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL

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Mrs. Walton Leads In Annual Voting Of Sport Scribes

Badminton Champion Selected as Best Athlete in Canada for Year—Eleanor Young Is Second on List and Norah McCarthy Third—Ballot-ing for First Is Close

TORONTO, Dec. 24 (CP).—In a battle of ballots as close as any match she fought on the badminton courts, Mrs. W. R. (Dorothy) Walton has been chosen the Canadian woman athlete of the year, succeeding Mary Rose Thacker of Winnipeg.

The young Toronto matron, champion of everything she surveyed in her specialty, was chosen in the annual poll of sports writers conducted by The Canadian Press. She was given twenty-seven points to twenty-five for Eleanor Young of Vancouver, tennis champion, and twenty-three for seventeen-year-old Norah McCarthy of Toronto and North Bay, Ont., Miss Thacker's successor as Canadian figure-skating champion this year.

It was strictly between these three for the honor. Thirteen others were named in the balloting with each writer naming three choices and points being awarded on a 3-2-1 basis, but the unanimity for Mrs. Walton, Miss Young and Miss McCarthy was so great that Irene Barr, Hamilton, Ont., swimming star, got only eight votes in fourth place.

GREAT RECORD

Mrs. Walton, the former Dorothy McKenke of Swift Current, Sask., has put aside her badminton racquet for competition because of her war

work. But even if she doesn't win another title she leaves behind a record that probably will stand a long time. She has been the dominant figure among the women players for three straight years.

In 1940, for the second year in three, she swept the Toronto, Ontario and Dominion singles championships and she has won the Toronto and Ontario crowns every season since 1935.

At the University of Saskatchewan she starred in a half-dozen sports, including basketball, swimming, hockey, track and tennis.

Miss McCarthy, who paired with Ralph McCreath of Toronto to win the mixed pairs skating title as well as the women's singles, got the most first-place votes, seven. Mrs. Walton and Miss Young each got five and Mrs. Walton took the honor on the strength of three votes for second place and six for third.

Miss Young, twenty-four, easily was Canada's best woman tennis player this year. She won the national singles and paired with Jean Milne of Vancouver for the doubles championship, and cleaned up besides in the Quebec Provincial and Western Canada tournaments.

She has been playing for twelve years and has received almost all her coaching from her father.

WALTERS IS 1940 LEADER IN NATIONAL

Cincinnati Pitcher Has Best Average According To Figures

NEW YORK, Dec. 24 (AP).—Dispelling any doubt about the identity of the leading pitcher in the National League, the official averages for 1940 were announced today and thrust the laurels right back on the shoulders of William Henry Walters, Jr., of Cincinnati Reds.

For the second successive year he had the lowest earned-run average, 2.48, and the most triumphs, most complete games, most innings pitched and most batters faced.

He started thirty-six games for the champions and finished twenty-nine of them, winning twenty-two and losing ten. He pitched 205 innings and worked against 1,207 batters.

Walters' earned-run average not only was the best in the senior circuit, it topped the 2.22 mark of Cleveland's Bobby Feller in the American League. In 1939 Walters, who came up to the majors as an infielder, turned in a 2.29 average that also was better than the best in the rival league.

The leading percentage pitcher was fat Freddie Fitzsimmons, the thirty-nine-year-old player-coach of Brooklyn Dodgers, who won fifteen games and lost only two. This was a remarkable record for the chunky knuckle-baller who the year before had lost more games than he won.

His was a record achieved as a sport worker, chiefly against second division foes, and started exactly eighteen games.

Anyway his winning percentage of .889 was a new high for the National League, and he rated fourth in earned runs with 2.82 per nine-inning game.

RIP SEWELL NEXT

The next best hurling, considered from all angles, was turned in by Truett (Rip) Sewell, of Pittsburgh Pirates. He rated third in earned runs with 2.79 and second in winning percentage with sixteen victories and five defeats. He started twenty-three games and worked in relief on ten other occasions.

Big Paul Derringer, the lion-hearted dean of the Red's mound staff, slipped from the supremacy he shared with Walters in 1939 and finished sixth in the league both in earned runs and victories with a record of twenty and twelve, though, that he still had his stuff in the "clutch."

Rated on earned-run averages, the ten leading pitchers were: Walters, 2.48; Claude Passeau, Chicago, 2.50; Sewell, 2.79; Fitzsimmons, 2.82; Jim Turner, Cincinnati, 2.89; Derringer, 3.06; Manny Salvo, Boston, 3.07; Lon Warneke, St. Louis, 3.14; Dick Erickson, Boston, 3.17, and Hal Schumacher, New York, 3.25.

Rated on winning percentages

they were Fitzsimmons, 16-2; Sewell, 16-5; Walters, 22-10; Turner, 14-7; Gene Thompson, Cincinnati, 16-5; Derringer, 20-12; Warneke, 16-10; Bill McCreath, St. Louis, 16-10; Passeau, 20-13, and Clyde Shoun, St. Louis, 13-11.

There was one no-hit, no-run game—a stunning spectacle by Tex Carleton, of the Dodgers, against the Reds on April 30, to climax Brooklyn's nine-game winning streak at the start of the season.

Hugh (Closer Pitcher) Mulcahy, of the Phillies, again was the season's root, losing the most games, twenty-two; allowing the most hits, 283; giving up the most runs, 141, and suffering the longest losing streak, twelve games.

Backfield Stars of Victoria Squad

STEVE COVERTON

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FORMER Vancouver "Rep" rug-

gers, who will be seen in action as members of Victoria's Crimson Tide, in tomorrow's McKechnie Cup Rugby match at Macdonald Park.

Coverton plays inside three-quarter, while Payne plays inside three-quarter. The holiday fixture is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock. Locals scored an impressive 24-0 victory over the Mainlanders in their opening "Big Three" game at Vancouver but the Terminal City fifteen has been considerably strengthened for the Boxing Day battle. Interest in the encounter has hit a new high and indications point to a record-breaking attendance.

Latest Picture of Hockey Champions



HERE'S the latest picture of the New York Rangers, holders of the Stanley Cup, symbolic of the world's professional hockey championship. This photograph was brought here from New York this week by Murray "Muzz" Patrick, young defence star, who flew to Victoria with his mother. He dropped it into The Colonist Sports Department and then headed back by plane to play with the club tonight in Madison Square Garden against the Chicago Black Hawks.

This is the same line-up which handed over the famous trophy to Lester Patrick last season after they beat the Toronto Maple Leafs in the final play-off. In the top row, left to right, are: Lester Patrick, vice-president; Colonel John Reed Kilpatrick, director; and Stanton Griffiths, chairman of the board.

Second row: Frank Boucher, coach and manager. Dave Kerr, Art Coulter and Ott Heller. Third row: Alex Shillie, Mac Colville, Neil Colville and Phil Watson. Fourth row: Lynn Patrick, Clint Smith, Murray Patrick and Babe Pratt. Bottom row: Bryan Hextall, Killy MacDonald, Dutch Hiller, Alf Pike and Harry Westervelt, club trainer.

BOBBY RIGGS AFTER CROWN

Former National Tennis Champion to Play in Bowl Tourney

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Bobby Riggs, who started slipping from his No. 1 tennis ranking in the Sugar Bowl competition last year, will begin his comeback in the same Sugar Bowl event this week. It was a cocksure Riggs who went into the tournament in 1939.

He lost through the early rounds, found himself in the finals with Don McNeill and got his first big shock. McNeill surprised the tennis world by bouncing him 8-4, 4-6, 8-6, 6-3.

Don then went on during the season to prove that rude jolt wasn't a fluke. He dethroned Riggs later in the national championships.

Riggs not only will be seeking to regain his national prestige here in the competition starting Saturday, but he will be trying to break the Sugar Bowl jinx—that no champion ever has repeated.

LEADING SCORERS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 24 (AP).—With Alfred Thurier and Fred Hunt promoted to the "big time," the American Hockey League's leading scorer today is Lloyd Roubell, Pittsburgh centre, with twenty-six points.

Trailing by one point are Glen

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24 (AP).—Purchase of Johnny Allen from Cleveland Indians was announced tonight by St. Louis Browns in a deal bringing the fourth veteran pitcher acquired by the team since the close of last season.

Allen, thirty-five-year-old right-hander, with a major league record of 117 victories and fifty-three defeats, was obtained in a straight cash transaction at a reported outlay of \$20,000.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 24 (AP).—Cleveland Indians announced tonight the acquisition of Pitcher Joe Krauskas from Washington Senators in exchange for Outfielder Ben Chapman.

Face Nanaimo Tomorrow

ROY BARNES

GLEN ROBBINS

TWO brilliant halfbacks of Victoria United's football team, who will be at their regular positions tomorrow afternoon when the Poyntz eleven faces Nanaimo in the Pacific Coast League match at the Athletic Park at 2:30. Both teams will be at top strength, and a keenly fought game should be the result. The last time the clubs met, they battled through ninety minutes to a one-all deadlock. A victory for the local club will place them in third position in the race for the honors as right now they are in fourth spot with two other clubs. A big holiday crowd is expected to be at the enclosure.

Louis in Class By Himself Says Boxing Officials

Colored Heavyweight Fight Champion Given High Rating by National Boxing Association—Three Canadians Mentioned by Authorities—Complete List and Challengers Given

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24 (AP).—The National Boxing Association made official today what many fight fans had known for a long time—that Joe Louis is in a class by himself.

In its quarterly ratings of champions and outstanding contenders, the N.B.A., through Fred J. Saddy, chairman of the championship committee, declared there is no outstanding heavyweight title contender because "there is a big margin between Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, and others in his division."

There was little change in the N.B.A. listings of champions since the last quarterly ratings in September. Several fighters, however, earned places higher up in the ranks of logical contenders and outstanding boxers. Among them were: Lightweight, Dave Castiglione, of Montreal; featherweight, Jackie Callura, of Hamilton, Ont.; and welterweight, Maxie Berger, of Montreal.

The N.B.A. requires that a champion defend his title at least once every six months against a fighter it considers an "outstanding boxer," and at least once a year against a boxer it considers a "logical contender."

Listed as "outstanding boxers" in the heavyweight division were Max Baer, of California; Red Burman, the Maryland slugger; and Arturo Godoy, of Chile.

DROPS DOWN LIST

Such fighters as Lou Nova and Pat Comiskey dropped to the "honorable mention" class in the N.B.A. listing, and Tony Galento, the New Jersey tavern-keeper, who a year ago was listed as the No. 1 "logical contender," was not rated.

Champions and No. 1 contenders in other divisions, as rated by the N.B.A., are:

Light-heavyweight, Billy Conn, Pennsylvania, champion; Melio Bettina, New York, No. 1 contender; middleweight, Tony Zale, Indiana, and Ken Overlin, Illinois; welterweight, Fritz Zivic, Pennsylvania, and Henry Armstrong, California; lightweight, Sammy Angott, Kentucky, and Lew Jenkins, Texas; featherweight, Pete Scalzo, New York, and Chalky Wright, California; bantamweight, here yesterday.

PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED

VANCOUVER, Dec. 24 (CP).—Ernest Lee, Vancouver, was re-elected president of the British Columbia branch of the Canadian Physical Education Association at the organization's annual convention Wright, California; bantamweight, here yesterday.

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SPORT QUIZ FOR PUBLIC

Year 1940 Was Lively in Athletics—How Much Do You Remember?

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 (AP).—Grab a pencil and pad of paper, sport fans, for here's a chance to find out how much you remember about sports in 1940—a year which will go into the books as one of the liveliest of all sports history.

Can you qualify as an expert? If you make a score of 36 (no fair sneaking a look at the answers below), you can consider yourself very "expert." Give yourself four points for each one-part question answered correctly; when questions involve two parts, score two points for each section:

1—(a) What promising young second baseman was given his free agency by Commissioner Landis; (b) What bonus did he receive for signing with the Philadelphia Athletics?

2—What horse became the turf's all-time money winner by winning the Santa Anita Handicap?

3—(a) What three-cushion billiard star won the world's championship; (b) What was his remarkable win and lost record in that tournament?

4—What hockey team won the National Hockey League championship? (Be careful!)

5—(a) Who pitched the first opening day no-hit game in major league history; and (b) What club did he beat?

6—Name the winner of the Kentucky Derby.

ICE SCHEDULE IS GIVEN OUT

Revised List of Games Released by Officials for Island League

Victoria's entry in the Vancouver Island Hockey League, operating out of Nanaimo, will be playing their next game on Wednesday, January 8, against Port Alberni, according to the revised list of fixtures released yesterday by officials. On the same evening the Southern Alberta Regiment will take on the D.C.O.R. in the opener. Victoria whipped the Alberni lads last time out by a 14-1 score but should face stiffer opposition this time as the Up-Island squad will go through several workouts before skating on the ice. Games were previously scheduled for this afternoon and also on New Year's Day, but these have been canceled. The new schedule follows:

January 8—S.A.R. vs. D.C.O.R.; Port Alberni vs. Victoria.
January 15—Nanaimo vs. Port Alberni; Victoria vs. D.C.O.R.
January 22—D.C.O.R. vs. Nanaimo; S.A.R. vs. Port Alberni.
January 29—Nanaimo vs. D.C.O.R.; Victoria vs. S.A.R.
February 5—Port Alberni vs. Nanaimo; S.A.R. vs. Victoria.
February 12—D.C.O.R. vs. Port Alberni; Victoria vs. Nanaimo.
February 19—Victoria vs. D.C.O.R.; Port Alberni vs. S.A.R.

WASTE OF TIME

Bernard was generally in trouble.

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Under the supervision of the headmaster, J. B. Poulter, assisted by Miss Oulton, Mr. H. Dickson, Miss E. Mohrman and Mrs. J. D. Reid, a very bright entertainment was given by the students of the Salt Spring Island Consolidated School last Thursday evening in the Mahon Hall, which, in spite of inclement weather, was filled to capacity.

The hall looked exceedingly pretty, decorated with masses of evergreens and numerous small Christmas trees hung with icicles. From the ceiling, arranged to represent a sky, hundreds of silver stars were suspended and on each side of the stage an electrically lighted rising moon and morning star gleamed effectively. The decorations were in the hands of a committee headed by Marguerite Lumley.

The programme opened with "O Canada," followed by a quartette, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," sung by Rita Dewhurst, Marguerite Lumley, Natalie Jamski, Jocelyn Sharpe; trio, "A Little Town of Bethlehem," Billy Scoones, Margaret Scoones, Jocelyn Sharpe.

Amongst the very small children, Michael Abbott was outstanding in his singing of "As I Went a-Walking One Fine Day." In a quaint and charming manner, with a voice of great promise, he carried through the song with Dolores Lockwood as "Duck," Glen Jansen as "Bluebird" and Judy Clegg as "Honey Bee."

A Strauss waltz played on the accordion by Pat Roberts was very good and warmly received by the audience. She was accompanied on the piano by Owen Lumley.

A recitation, "The Meaning of Christmas," by Norma Wag, was followed by two plays, "Never Trust a Man" and the "Invisible Duke." In the former the parts were taken by Lucy Burkhitt, Winnifred Calthrop, Lottie Reynolds, Dorothy Page, Jocelyn Sharpe, Betty Scoones, Winnifred Calthrop as "Sally," and Lucy Burkhitt as "Betty Blake," carrying off the honors. In the latter, the characters were portrayed by Dik Toyne, Billy Scoones, George Stewart and Natalie Jamski.

The two carols, "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" and "Joy to the World," were sung by the juniors and the audience joined with the schools in "There'll Always Be an England." Accompanists were Mrs. H. Dickson and Rosemary Loomer. Bobby Baker made a most efficient master of ceremonies and explained that the children had given up their usual Christmas tree that the proceeds could be sent to their cousins in England.

Capt. C. Maude made a jolly Father Christmas and presented each child with a bag of candy. Refreshments were served and a dance followed, a local orchestra supplying the music. Half the proceeds derived from the entertainment will go to the Red Cross and the other half to school funds.

"Devil's Work"

By CAROLYN WELLS

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CHAPTER I
"Usually, yes. But I know him well, and I am sure that in this case his charges will depend on results. I have not seen him since my return, and I think he will be glad to come, and a search for a hidden will, I am sure, will attract him. He has all sorts of cases, but I doubt if he was ever before called to hunt a will. Sounds like a last-century novel."

Sayre had the good luck to get Fleming Stone on the telephone, and the double lure of seeing his long absent friend and the novelty of the case induced that difficult person to agree to go to Forrest Pell at once. He would arrive that very evening, in time for dinner.

"You must tell Stone the exact truth in every particular," Sayre warned Jean. "I feel sure he will find the will, for he has an uncanny sense of such things, but when it comes to the police inquiries, he will want to know the exact facts down to the least detail. I say this to you, dear, not that I think you will be untruthful, but because I fear you may not realize how important it is to be sincere with Stone, even though you may wish, perhaps for the baby's sake, to hide some distasteful facts."

"Yes—I see. And I will try, Brandon, to do as you say. But I am afraid of detectives and afraid of the police, and afraid of Mr. Stone. I'm afraid of everybody but you!"

He gathered her into his arms and kissed her almost solemnly. "Jean, darling," he said, "we cannot have our happiness now, but it will come. Some day you will be mine before the world, but now it would be a great mistake to let our love be known. It will be surprised, of course, but we must not admit it—do you understand? Tell me you do!"

"Yes, I do—of course, I understand. But I can't stand it, Brandon! You think everybody thinks I am strong and brave. I am not; I cannot see my way, and I am frightened."

"It won't do, dearest, it won't do. You must realize how much depends upon your attitude, and how careful you must be with your speech. Jean, why did you marry that man? Why did you desert me for him?"

"He told me things about you—"

"Never mind, sweetheart, forget it all. I am yours and you are mine, now and forever. Cheer up. It may be that Fleming Stone will bring about some changes in our outlook that will make life brighter and more hopeful."

The tennis players came in then, and soon it was lunch time. While Jean was giving directions later about Fleming Stone's rooms, she was summoned downstairs because Esme and Austin had returned from New York.

"We had a talk with the lawyer," Austin told her, "and some developments have arisen, which may prove beneficial. I want to talk with you alone, Jean. I hope you can give me a few moments right now."

"Of course," she returned. "Come up to my boudoir."

Austin did the talking. "It's all clear sailing, Jean. If you will look at things in the right light. You see, Viv didn't hide any will in the study. That's one of his senseless hoaxes."

"You have proved that?"

"I don't like your tone, Jean. You are not in a sympathetic mood, I can see that."

"I see no cause for sympathy, so far. You tell me there is no will hidden in the study, and I ask you how you know that. Is it merely your own assumption?"

"It is my belief, also Esme's and also—Campbell's."

"Are you sure about Mr. Campbell? Did he say he knew there was no will in the study?"

"The same as said it. Now, listen here, Jean. Here's the plan."

"Mr. Campbell's plan?"

"Not entirely. Largely my plan."

"Yours and Esme's?"

"Perhaps. Suppose you hear it before you speak of it so scornfully. In a word, it is this. The will Campbell holds, and which he declares he will produce after allowing us one more week's search, is apparently a very bad thing for us—"

"—you and me. For it leaves the bulk of the Forrest fortune to an actress who was Viv's mistress at the time the will was made. Before you and Viv were married, of course."

"Go on."

"Well, this actress is dead, leaving no heirs, and no address, and the will can be very easily set aside. This, therefore, is the plan. Let Campbell offer the will for probate. Then we contest it. It's a cinch the will cannot stand. The fair thing would be for you and me to get fifty-fifty; that will be the best way out. See?"

"No, Austin, I do not see. If the will is declared void or whatever it's called, then Vivian died intestate, and you know the law in such a case."

"What is it?"

"You wouldn't take my word, and there is no reason why you should. Ask Mr. Campbell, ask any lawyer, or go and ask the surrogate. But wait a moment, I have something to tell you."

And I have something to tell you. Let me tell you first. And it—I cannot think it will surprise you—it is that I love you and I want you to promise to marry me, as soon as you think it is proper."

Jean looked at Austin, her amazement tinged with amusement. This angered him. He expected her to be surprised, but he did not look for ridicule.

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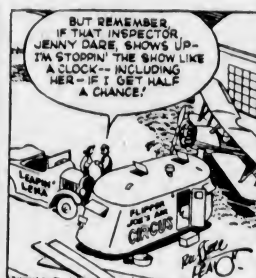
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An Arab sheik was being taken in a car across a very bumpy patch of desert. So bad was the going that at last the car overturned and the sheik was thrown out.

Instead of protesting to the driver, the Arab picked himself up and apologized profusely, saying: "I'm so sorry. I've not learned to ride one of these things yet."

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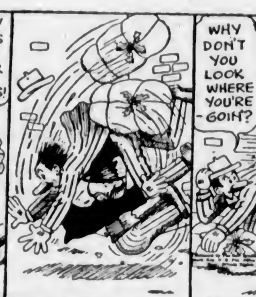
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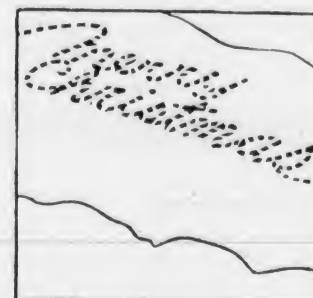
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